Survey of DDA Flats

41. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority have carried any extensive survey to determine the flats that are in danger due to underground cavities in the various DDA colonies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Privatisation of I.D.P.L.

42. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to privatise Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the workers are assured of continued employment in case of privatisation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Setting up of Industries by M.P.I.D.C.

43. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation has submitted some proposals for setting up some industries with foreign collaboration and with the help of Non-Indian Residents;

(b) if so, what are the proposed fields of industries recommended by the State Government; and

(c) whether any of the proposals have been accepted by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). Since the setting up of the Special Approval Committee (NRI) in November, 1983, a total of 25 approvals have been accorded upto June, 199 for issue Letters of Intent, foreign collaboration approvals and Capital Goods imports in the State of Madhya Pradesh. The proposals covers manufacture of such items as automobile tyres and tubes, forging, pharmaceuticals, aluminium products etc.

Closure of Orissa Sand Complex

44. SHRI GOPINATH GAJARATHI: Will the PRIMIE MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sand complex under the management of Indian Rare Earth Ltd. near Berhampur in Ganjam district of Orissa has been closed down;

(b) if so, the reasons for the closure, and

(c) the steps taken to revive this sand complex ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Orissa Sands Complex (OSCOM) has not been closed down.

(b) and (c). However due to commercial non-viability the production operations other than Research, Development & Maintenance activities in OSCOM have been kept under suspension pending clearance of stock already accumulated in OSCOM and completion of Technological improvements in the plant. No worker has been discharged.

[*Translation*]

People Below Poverty Line in Eastern States

45. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be Pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of people living below poverty line in Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa and Assam is more than fifty percent;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to raise the living standards of people in these States;

(c) whether any review has been made in regard to implementation of various anti-poverty programmes and if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to launch any special scheme during the current year to uplift the utmost poor people in these States and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allotted and utilised in these States on anti-poverty programmes during the last three years, State-wise.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). The percentages of people below the poverty line in rural and urban areas of Bihar, West Bengal, Orissa and Assam as estimated from the findings of NSSO Survey 1987-88, do not exceed 50%. A part from various sectoral development programmes, specific poverty alleviation programmes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) in rural areas and Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) in urban areas of these States are being implemented to raise the living standard of the people.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(e) The funds allocated and utilised in these States on major anti-poverty programmes in rural areas during the last three years were as follows:-

(Figs. in Rs. lakhs)

Sl. No.	*State*	*Allocation*	*Utilisation*
1.	Assam	18,143.33	17,873.88
2.	Bihar	131,686.96	125,291.24
3.	Orissa	43,362.17	39.807.28
4.	West Bengal	71.532.74	64,118.25